

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mrs. Ed. Burns was called to Owosso Saturday by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Rena Saunders.

Mrs. Hal Orser and Miss Irene Crystler spent Saturday at the home of Howard Orser in Greenville.

Mrs. Rebecca Loomis of Elwell visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Hansen over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank White of Otisco returned home Monday from a few days' visit with friends at Eaton Rapids.

Mrs. S. D. Goodman of Greenville visited Mrs. D. K. Goodman Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Jensen was a Lowell visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. H. Bennett and daughter, Edith, went to Newaygo, Tuesday, to visit a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Horace Wood of McKinville, Ore., and Mrs. Jas. Gibb of Ontario, Canada, left here Tuesday for the former's home after visiting five weeks at the home of Asa Wood in Grattan.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron F. Brown and son, Phillip, were Grand Rapids visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Robt. Pierce and Mrs. Clinton Thomas of Detroit returned home on Tuesday after visiting a week at the home of Thos. Andrew.

Mrs. Joe. Derusha of Standish, who had been visiting a week at the home of Andrew Scheidt of Miriam, went to Detroit Tuesday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Geo. Schmidt of Detroit returned home Tuesday after visiting two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Johnson. Her father and little niece, Marian Johnson accompanied her home for a week's visit.

Mrs. V. E. Barebean of Grand Ledge returned home Tuesday after visiting a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Trimble.

Mrs. Lina Weller of Fowlerville returned home Tuesday after visiting a few days at the home of her son, Arthur Cory.

W. E. Fisher left Tuesday on a business trip to Fowlerville and Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson and son, Roy J., were Sunday guests of Ernest's sister, Mrs. Milo Brown, in Grattan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson and son, Roy J., motored to Ionia Friday afternoon on business.

Miss Iva Carr of Howard City returned home Tuesday after visiting a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers.

Miss Elsie French and Mrs. Chas. Heinbecker went to Morley Tuesday to visit a few days with relatives and friends.

L. E. Hecox of Greenville visited at the home of W. J. Harrison Tuesday.

Miss Maggie Nash was the guest of Belding friends the first of the week.

Miss Edna Kidd is home from M. A. C. for the summer.

Mrs. Wm. Coulter was in Grand Rapids on business Monday.

Lewis Hanson and wife, Neta McVicar and Martha Ketterdorf were Sunday visitors at the home of John H. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggins of Ionia and Clyde Cotter of California called on Fred Spencer and wife Sunday.

Leo Shindorf and family visited Leopold Shindorf Sunday.

A large variety of commencement gifts at Wortley & French's.

Why pay 60c the dozen for eggs next winter. Let us tell you how to keep them. Wortley & French.

Wall paper renews the beauty of the home. Large stock at low prices at Wortley & French's.

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Do your wall papering now while you can get it cheap at Wortley & French's.

Lumber is expensive; protect it with New Era paint. Wortley & French, agents.

Prompt service and plenty of goods at the Wortley & French drug store.

Neil Miller went to Traverse City today to visit a few days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ed. King is a Greenville visitor today.

Mrs. W. D. Pond is visiting with Greenville friends today.

J. M. Kinney of Sault Ste. Marie spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of W. M. York in Orleans.

Judge Barhorst, who made many friends here when he was on crutches, says Rheuma sent him well. Wortley & French sell this great rheumatism remedy.

Mrs. John Whittell is in Alma today.

Mrs. Chas. Knapp and son, Mrs. Darwin Post and Mrs. John Lemley and two children are in Greenville today.

Mrs. C. F. Hale went to Edmore today to visit a few days with friends.

Mrs. Henry Wells is a Greenville visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Warner of Ionia were guests of his mother, Mrs. Fred Olger over Sunday. Their daughter, Nellie Warner is working near Greenville and their son, Floyd Warner near Palo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olger were in Greenville Thursday to visit their son Homer Olger.

Spencer Cribb and family of Grand Ledge motored to Belding Saturday and were the guests of E. E. Cook and other old time friends over Sunday.

Chas. Coon and son made a trip to Newaygo Saturday to visit his brother.

In a letter received from W. L. Benedict he relates meeting Harold Morris recently who with his sister, Miss Eva Morris, were there on a recent visit. They were former residents here, children of Dr. L. S. Morris. Harold is with the Field Hospital corps in Camp Custer and his sister is home from the foreign missionary fields of China.

Homer Olger and wife of Greenville were in the city Tuesday.

Fred Olger and wife were in Ionia visiting Delmar Warner, Sunday.

Mrs. Alfred Wells and Miss Alfreda Wells were called to Owosso Friday by the illness of Mrs. Wells' mother. They drove their car through, taking Mrs. Frank Converse and daughter, Ruth Eva to St. Johns. They all returned Sunday.

Clayton Knapp, Donald Pilkinton and Lyle Simmons were home from Camp Custer over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Klock went to Grand Rapids today to visit a few days with friends.

George W. Gleason is no better.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bignell and children, of Detroit, are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Bignell and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riekle were the Saturday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Urch.

The Sunday guests at the A. C. Hall home were Ad. Newman and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lesky and children, of Stanton and Leon Forward and family of this place.

Floyd Bush is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad. Newman, of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hall were callers at the M. Urch home, Sunday.

After entertaining the mumps the past ten days, Mrs. Maggie Welsh is able to resume her work at the Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dadds and son, Gerald, Mrs. A. G. Dadds and Maude Bignell visited friends near Saranac, Sunday.

After a week's illness, Mrs. J. Andrews is able to be up again.

Mi-o-na stomach tablets which Wortley & French sell under a guarantee, end all forms of stomach ills.—Advertisement.

Potato Muffins (Saving a fourth of the Flour.)

1-3 cup liquid.
1 tablespoon fat.
1 tablespoon syrup.
1 egg.
1 cup mashed potatoes.
1/2 cups wheat flour.
1 teaspoon salt.
4 teaspoons baking powder.

Add the liquid, melted fat, syrup and beaten egg to the cooked potato. Stir the dry materials together and add to the first mixture. The dough will be too stiff to mix easily with a spoon. Use a knife or fork. Bake about 30 minutes in a moderately hot oven (205 degrees C.—400 degrees F.) Make eight large or twelve to sixteen small muffins.

Potato Biscuit

Using 1 2-3 cups instead of 2 cups of flour.
No liquid.
3 tablespoons fat.
1 teaspoon salt.
5 teaspoons baking powder.
1 2-3 cups wheat flour.
1 1/2 cups mashed potatoes.

Sift dry ingredients, work in fat and add mashed potatoes. This makes a very stiff dough. Roll one-half inch thick and cut into biscuits. Bake 30 to 35 minutes in a moderately hot oven.

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NAVAL RESERVES DOING SPLENDID WORK FOR U. S.

THOUSANDS AT THANKLESS TASKS THE WORLD OVER DESERVE CHEERS, NOT SNEERS.

"The young men who serve in the Naval Reserve Force are performing a duty just as patriotic, just as essential to the final victory of our arms in this war, as that performed by the men of any other branch of the nation's forces."

That is Lieut. Commander Truman H. Newberry's answer in the New York Evening Mail to the few scoffers and critics of the men in the Naval Reserve.

"ONLY NAVAL RESERVES."

Why does that branch of the service attract so many men? Are they draft dodgers? Do they fear service at the front in France? Do they seek to enter a branch which will keep them near home?

These are the questions which the military editor of The Evening Mail put to Commander Newberry, commander of the Naval Reserve Force in the third district.

Only a few days ago two blue jackets sat in conversation in a Broadway subway train. At Forty-second street two soldiers entered. After a whispered conversation and frequent glances at the sailormen, one of the soldiers bent down to read the gilt lettering on the jackets' hats.

"Only Naval Reserve guys," he muttered.

It wasn't the first time the military editor had seen that sneer. Among civilians, as well as among men in uniform, the same attitude toward the reservists has been noticed. So he sought out Commander Newberry and asked for comment.

"You say there seems to be a tendency to belittle service in the reserve force? There is no reason for it," declared Commander Newberry. "Among soldiers and sailors there is always a friendly bantering. Sometimes it is not friendly. But it is never serious."

THOUSANDS "OVER THERE."

"As for civilians, their attitude may be attributed to lack of information. It is true that originally the reserve recruited men for coast patrol duty. Do they know that the larger part of the force is now serving at sea, in foreign waters, side by side with the men of the regular navy, or training at the great naval stations for active service?"

"More—do they know that men are being accepted for general service, which means they may be assigned anywhere, on any ship of the navy, at the discretion of the navy department?"

"Surely these lads are entitled to as much credit as the men of other branches. And they have reason to be as proud of their uniforms as the men in olive drab or forest green are of theirs."

ALL SERVING NATION.

"Every man who wears an American uniform is serving the nation—in whatever capacity he is enlisted. And those who volunteered for the Naval Reserve Force, because service on the sea appealed to them, are serving just where they belong."

"In April last year, when the United States entered the war, the only class open for non-seagoing men was class four. Since July 1, 1917, however, all men in this class have volunteered for general service, and no men will be accepted now unless they volunteer for general service."

"Another thing. In common with some other nations America has never realized the important role of its navy in warfare. But you may be sure that when this war has been finally won, the United States Navy will have played an essential part in the great victory. That will be a task for the historians, and they will not begin their work until peace comes. So we'll have to wait. But the navy's page in that history will be a brilliant one!"

And there you have the commander's answer.

Incidentally, Commander Newberry is head of a family which has registered 100 per cent, perfect in this war. He gave up a large business in Michigan to answer the President's call. Mrs. Newberry is president of the Needle Work Guild of America, which is devoting its entire strength to Red Cross work. Their twin boys, Barnes and Phelps, are on active service. Barnes is an ensign in the navy, on duty somewhere on the Atlantic, and Phelps is a major in the aviation section of the army.

NEWBERRY KNOWS THE NAVY.

The commander's record includes active participation in two wars. He was Secretary of the Navy in President Roosevelt's cabinet. He holds the only commander's commission given to any man in the country promoted directly from civil life during the present war.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickens and daughter, Essie, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Dadds.

BELDING WINS TRACK MEET WITH ROCKFORD

Last Wednesday's track met with Rockford was easily won by Belding. The final score was: Belding, 76; Rockford, 46. Formed won all around honors with 26 1-2 points and Spannenberg of Rockford was second with 22 1-4.

The results and record are as follows:

Half-mile run—Forman, Belding, first; Coper, Belding, second; Miller, Rockford, third. Time, 2:15 2-5.

100-yard dash—Krause and Finch, Rockford, tied for first; Eggleston, Rockford, second; Goettings, Rockford, third. Time, 10 1-5 seconds.

220 hurdles—Skellenger, Belding, first; Spannenberg, Rockford, second; Forman, Belding, third. Time, 30 1-2 seconds.

High jump—Forman and Peterson, Belding, tied for first; Skellenger, Belding, third. Height, 5 feet 3 1-2 inches.

50-yd. dash—Forman, Belding, first; Krause, Rockford, second; Rockford, third. Time, 5 1-10 seconds.

One-mile run—Peterson, Belding, first; Chickering, Belding, second. Time, 5:20 3-10.

220 yard dash—Forman, Belding, first; Skellenger, Belding, second; Hanson, Belding, third. Time, 26 seconds.

300 yard jump—Skellenger, Belding, first; Spannenberg, Rockford, second; Forman, Belding, third. Distance, 18 feet, 9 inches.

440 yard dash—Peterson, Belding, first; Chickering, Belding, second; Goettings, Rockford, third. Time, 61 seconds.

Pole vault—Spannenberg, Rockford, first; Forman, Belding, second; Finch, Rockford, third. Height, 9 ft. Shot put—Spannenberg, Rockford, first; Goettings, Rockford, second; Brown, Belding, third. Distance, 37 1/2 3/4 inches.

Discus throw—Spannenberg, Rockford, first; Dehn, Belding, second; Goettings, Rockford, third. Distance, 103 feet.

Relay won by Belding.

GRAIN BAGS VALUABLE NOW MAKE OLD ONES SERVICEABLE

Unusually heavy demands on the jute supply of India and on the Calcutta jute industry, combined with the marine transportation situation, have caused the United States Food Administration to appeal to American farmers to order as soon as possible all the new bags they will need for sacking grain and other products, and in addition to that, to prepare for use old bags which can be made serviceable.

Bag buyers who do not place their orders while the present price of 25 cents per bag, f. o. b. tilewater, plus freight and distributor's normal charges, is in effect soon may have to pay from 28 to 30 cents or more, the Food Administration warns.

The Food Administration points out that big demands for sand bags have come for use in lining trenches. One English order alone is for 150,000,000 bags and the other allied nations, including the United States, are utilizing the same source of supply.

Elimination of printing and advertising matter on bags and bagging material is urged as a means of stimulating the reuse of bags.

The Food Administration held a conference February 26 last with representatives of bag importers and others interested, at which time a price of 25 cents was agreed upon. The matter of price and supply of bags is entirely in the hands of the Food Administration and all inquiries relating to bag prices and supplies should be addressed to them.

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A Fine 156 Acre Farm, two miles west of Belding, good soil, fine location.

8 Room House on May street, modern, corner lot, garage, all in good condition; will sell for \$1,750.00.

Modern eight room house, nice surroundings, good neighborhood and location, close in, garage, corner lot, priced low for quick sale.

The T. Frank Ireland home on Hall street, one of the most modern homes in the city, 10-room house, full basement, 2 toilets, bath, laundry, furnace, garage. To be sold at \$3,000.00.

5 Room House on Pearl street, has water, lights, gas, toilet, good cellar. Price \$1,400.00.

6 Room House, barn, hen coops, extra lots on South Bridge street, all for \$1,800.00.

7 Room House, corner James and Ann streets, has lights, gas, toilet, water, cellar, cistern, corner lot. Price \$1,200.00.

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Mrs. Clements a Composer.

Mrs. Vernie Clements has composed a splendid piece of poetry which will be read with pleasure by her friends and which is as follows:

"FROM SUN TO SUN."
When the robins in the morning
Rise before the golden sun,
Tells of all the U. S. glory
That our work on earth's begun.

When so happy, oh, so happy,
Swells the music in the air,
How they love to tell the story
Of a home more bright and fair.

What do they know of the glory
That awaits us there on high?
It's because our Heavenly Father
Guides their pinions through the sky.

We must keep the home fires burning;
Keep our homes all clean and bright
With a sweet and happy conscience,
For or boys are doing right.

Some day they will be returning,
And how happy we will be,
And the birds will sing more sweetly
In the mornings from the tree.

In the evening when the sun sets
And the birds have gone to rest,
And our bodies tired from toiling
May we feel we've done our best.

So they sing out in the morning,
Just before the peep of sun,
And the yeauch us to be happy
When our day's work we've begun.

We are free from chains of bondage,
But our hearts are oh, so sad,
For we know that over yonder
We have boys in khaki clad.

They have gone to keep us happy;
Not one of them did lag;
Gone, yes, gone; there is no telling
What they'll suffer for the flag.

When we've eaten of the rations,
Our commissionary thought best;
Oh, so cheerfully and gladly
We are sharing with the rest.

Sad, yet happy in well doing,
May we find a sweet repose;
Trusting in our Heavenly Father
That this war will soon be closed.

Peace, sweet peace, we've prayed for
Nations,
Rest, sweet rest, for those who roam,
And all Nature will be singing
When our boys come marching home.

Things Look For Mark.

Genial old Mark Hoppough, under sheriff of Ionia county, was in the city Monday afternoon shaking hands with his legions of friends hereabouts. When asked by a Banner-News reporter as to whether or not he was still in the race for sheriff, Mark strongly told us in the affirmative.

Things look good to Mark and he says that he has a great many local friends in this city who are pledging him support almost daily. From what we have heard in the matter Mark stands high in the estimation of many officials and citizens here who are going to see he is rewarded for his faithful work in the capacity of deputy and undersheriff.

Good Crowd Heard Cressy.

A fair sized audience attended the Major Cressy talk in the opera house Sunday and listened to first hand information from the Serbian front. The scenes which Major Cressy showed and told about were horrible in the extreme and are almost unbelievable. The talk made a good impression on those present and those who failed to attend the lecture missed a great deal.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1918.

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Union Prayer Meeting.

The various protestant churches of the city will unite at the Baptist church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in a union prayer service.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all the neighbors and friends who have been so kind to me in my affliction since I have been a shut-in; also the League and church people for their remembrances of me and don't forget to thank the children also; may God bless you all and help you when your time of need comes, a friend.

M. M. Forman.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our relatives friends and neighbors, also Ancient Order of Gleaners and Ladies Aid society for the lovely floral offerings; and also thank those who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

Chas. Whitten
Merritt Whitten
Claire Whitten
Dwight Whitten
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baldwin
Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Allen.

Mrs. Orriell Johnson is visiting at Ionia and Flint.

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Wash Goods Specials For This Week

75 cent Tub Silks at 49 cents

These come in a nice line of fancy stripes and plain colors and are good value at the regular price.

65 cent Plaid Voile at 49 cents

These are 34 inches wide and are very desirable for Summer Dresses.

50 cent Fancy Voile at 39 cents

These come in a nice line of stripe and figured patterns and are less than wholesale price today.

18 inch Embroidery Flouncing at 15 cents

These are full half yard wide and would be very cheap at 25c.

LLOYD'S

Store Closed All Day, Decoration Day.